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Town of Acton, Massachusetts

Board of Selectmen

Amendment to the Existing Traffic Rules and Orders

Voted: That the Traffic Rules and Orders adopted by the Board of Selectmen under date of March 25, 1937, are hereby amended by adding to the end of Article V, Section 2 (Prohibited on Certain Streets) the following new description:

1.) To prohibit parking at all times on the west side of Quarry Road, from Granite Road a distance of approximately 2650 feet, in a northerly direction to the end of Quarry Road as a Town Way at the southerly boundary of the Town Forest.

Date of Passage: July 14, 2003

Walter M. Foster, Chairman

Peter K. Ashton, Vice Chairman

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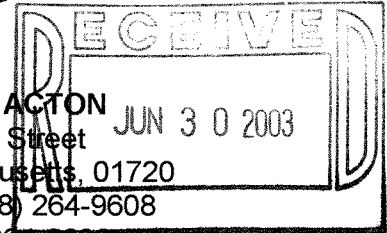
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Nancy McShea
Recreation Director

June 30, 2003

To: Don Johnson, Town Manager

From: Nancy McShea, Recreation Director

RE: Quarry Road Parking

CC: David Abbt, Tom Tidman

Parking along Quarry Road has been an issue since the park opened in 1999. Attention has been given to this issue repeatedly over the past 4 years. Last year the "Residents Only" signs were placed on Quarry Road. Mrs. Norton's complaint about people parking on Quarry Road this year is the first that I have heard of any problems related to this issue since those signs were placed along Quarry Road. Obviously there is a need for more parking at the park during select dates and during some of our busier weekend days. Part of the problem is the reluctance of park users, who are using the upper fields, to park down in the lower parking lot and walk up to the fields. I am concerned with posting the road "No Parking" as I think this greatly limits us for the few times a year that we need some overflow onto the street. That being said I do not have any other viable options to prevent people from parking on Quarry Road short of building a new parking lot at NARA.

CC: BOS
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Acton Police Department

InterDepartmental Memo

From: Frank J. Widmayer, Chief of Police


Date: June 18, 2003

To: Don Johnson, Town Manager

Subj: Quarry Road Parking complaints

I have attached two memos to this report along with letters of complaint from Bettina Norton. One report is from Lt. Rogers and the other from Safety Officer Cowan. They both have been working with the Nortons over the past few months. The memos agree in overall strategy towards solving the problem however you may be a little confused in the descriptions used in their recommendations, north, south, etc. Let me assure you that they are both recommending the same solution and that is to post the left side of Quarry Road as you drive north and allow parking on the right side.

The town engineer and recreation director may have other ideas but this is the consensus of the police department.



Frank J. Widmayer
Chief of Police

6/20/03

FRANK -

I AM HAVING SOME DIFFICULTY
WITH THIS AND NEED YOUR FURTHER COMMENT
PRIOR TO THE SELECTMEN'S MEETING NEXT
MONDAY. QUESTIONS INCLUDE HOW FREQUENTLY
THIS OCCURS, WHY "RESIDENT ONLY" RESTRICTIONS
ARE NOT WORKING AND WHERE WE EXPECT THE
PARKING TO GO.



TOWN OF ACTON POLICE DEPARTMENT
INTER-DEPARTMENTAL COMMUNICATION

TO: Chief Frank Widmayer
FROM: Lieutenant Thomas Rogers
SUBJ: Norton complaint / parking on Quarry Road
DATE: June 14, 2003

I met with John and Bettina Norton 115 Quarry Road on June 14, 2003. The thrust of their concern centers around cars parking on both sides of Quarry Road during events at NARA. When this occurs, it is impossible for emergency vehicles to get through to their home and further delays result for Quarry Road residents who have to wait for opposite direction traffic to clear the road before they can proceed.

The solution to this problem is relatively simple and is as follows:

1. Removal of the resident only parking signs on the south side of Quarry Road.
2. Installation of "NO PARKING ANYTIME, VIOLATORS WILL BE TOWED" signs on the south side of Quarry Road, spaced every fifty to seventy five feet from the intersection of Quarry Road and Granite Road to the Town of Acton Highway Department Entrance.

This configuration would allow over flow parking (a routine condition) on the north side of Quarry Road for NARA visitors. Strict police enforcement of the south side restriction would guarantee relief to Quarry Road residents.

It is my opinion that the current restricted parking configuration is unworkable and serves to exasperate the present parking dilemma.



Lieutenant T. Rogers
Patrol Division Commander

June 9, 2003

To: Chief Frank Widmayer

Re: NARA parking

Hi! I am disturbed by the continual problem with parking on Quarry Road for large NARA events. The "Temporary" signs are not working. Do you have any suggestions re: what can be done?

Please call me at 617-803-2652, or, better, come up and visit - and see first-hand the scope of the problem.

Thank you -

Bettina A. Norton
(Bettina A. Norton)
115 Quarry Rd.

June 9, 2003

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CALLED 6-12-03
ADVISED REGARDING
NO PARKING REPORT

to: Det. Robert Cowan, Acton P. D.

Re: Parking at NARA - on Quarry Rd.

The problem is not getting any better.

The "temporary" signs are half gone,
and I could NOT get in until cars

passed through the "lane" between cars
parked ON BOTH SIDES last Saturday.

I am requesting permanent no parking
signs on the left side going in, ALL THE
WAY to the turn-off to the town gravel
pit, (which is not now posted at all from
the Nagog Rd. intersection) and one or
two signs "Unauthorized vehicles will
be towed."

Please see what you can do about

This - a real safety issue!

Thanks -

Bettina A. Norton

115 Quarry Rd.

tel: 617.803-2652

Touand Farm

RFD No. 1

Acton, Massachusetts

Dear Don -

Thank you for the rapid response to our request for signage on "Granny Road". I am sending a separate Thank-you to the Police Dept. I'll be at the July 14 mtg. of the Board of Selectmen with bells on and a smile on my face!

Note the address of this paper. This is from my souvenir stock, - and it wasn't even our first address here; that was "RFD #2, Concord, Massachusetts." How times have changed....

It was good to see you and Gayle last Thursday. Hope you both enjoyed yourselves.

With warm regards,
Toni Norton

June 30, 2003

cc: Bd of Selectmen.

